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Country: Czechoslovakia

Subject: 1. Armored unit at Plzen-Bory

2. Engineer unit at Plzen

3. TP (Technical Battalion) unit at
Plzen-Ceske-Udoli

Date: February 1956

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1. Armored Unit at Plzen-Bory

Barracks located southwest of the center of the city of Plzen,
near the Bory prison and the civil airport

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Some of the barracks were built
during the last war for the German air force. After the war, some expansion
work was carried out and new buildings were built

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In 1954-1955, construction work began at the
eastern end of the barracks area, but it has not yet been completed

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Since the in-
formant could only observe this target from the outside, from Kaplir Street

he is unable to describe the building located at the northern
end

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these barracks are occupied by an
armored unit, probably a tank regiment, and an antitank unit, whose per-
sonnel are billeted at the Ulice Kollarova barracks

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The following equipment was observed: 2 T 34/85 tanks and 4 tanks
resembling the JS3. They were parked in front of the buildings

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which are tank garages. In front of the buildings
which are used as garages for trucks and antitank cannon, the
source observed some 76-mm and 45-mm antitank guns mounted on wheels with

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pneumatic tires and towed by Tatra 805 trucks. There were also
Tatra III and Praga RN or RND trucks.

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New Engineer Corps Barracks on the Bank of the Radbuza

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Barracks built at the end of 1954 in an area, 150 X 80 meters, located
on the northern bank of the Radbuza River. The entire target is enclosed
by a lattice-work enclosure except the side along the river bank.

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These barracks are occupied by an engineer unit whose headquarters and most personnel are stationed in the Slovany quarter [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This detachment is 300 men strong; its meals are carried to it each day by truck from the Slovany quarter. Motor launches, pontoons, and cuts for the construction of bridges are stocked in these new barracks which very likely are used primarily as a storage depot and drill area for the above-mentioned unit. It should be noted that launches and pontoons of the same type are also visible in the Slovany quarter. Several times in summer 1955, the source observed this unit undergoing bridge-building training on the Radbuza River.

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12. Metal and wooden girders' storage in the open.

13. Storage for motor for launches: one-story wooden building, with tar paper roof, 25 X 8 meters.

14. Storage installation for unknown use: [redacted]

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15. Wooded slope: the road runs about 15 meters above the river; steep bank.

Billets and Work Yard of TP Unit at Plzen [redacted]

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[redacted]

Barracks and work yard located about 500 meters south of the Bory prison, just south of the "simple" [single-track?] Plzen-Doudlevce-Valcha railroad, east of the Plzen-Litice road, and north of the Radbuza River. They are embedded between the river and the railroad. They were built in 1953-1954 [?]. There are 17 standard one-story wooden barracks, with tar paper roofing, 25 X 8 meters. In addition, there is a building, 30 X 15 meters, used as a kitchen. The cantonment is enclosed by lattice-work 2 meters high. Searchlights mounted on towers illuminate the entire area. Access to these barracks is provided by the Plzen-Litice road. [redacted]

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[redacted]

The cantonment is occupied by a TP company about 200 men strong. The men each day go to a work yard located about 200 meters north of the cantonment [redacted]

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Near the work yard there is a military underground gasoline dump [redacted]

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[redacted] The work of this TP unit consists in mixing small pebbles with tar; this mixture is then put in metal drums and shipped to an unknown destination. This material must be used in the construction of roads and airfield runways. A double-track railroad spur [redacted] services the work yard and military gasoline dump.

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